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OVERSEAS SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of students granted overseas scholarships by the Government for studying abroad during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of students likely to be granted this scholarship during the current year; and

(c) the details of the criteria laid down for providing this scholarship?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a): Under the Cultural Exchange Programmes enteredinto with various foreign countries, the number of scholarships awarded during the last three years is as under:

1999-00	73
2000-01	86
2001-02	117

(b): During 2002-03 approximately 150 students are likely to get the scholarships.

(c): The criteria of selection is merit which is decided by a Committee consisting of experts in the subjects specified, senior officials of the Government and the representative from the donor country. After short listing and interviewing the candidates, based on their academic attainment, professional experience, quality of research proposal, clarity of purpose, general personality, maturity, knowledge of host country and general awareness of current affairs, the names are forwarded to the host country for final selection.